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Optical Scan Ballots are Verifiable and Recountable
Electronic DRE Machine Ballots are Not

Dear Sir/Madam and Members of the Voting Equipment Selection Committee

I want my ballot to be recorded on paper, not electronically.

DRE Touch-screen computer voting machines that record ballots electronically are not reliable or secure, with or without a paper trail. I do not trust them to accurately record my votes.

Computer scientists advise: "The current generation of electronic (DRE) voting machines are not secure, do not provide voters with a way to know that their votes are being tabulated correctly, and do not provide a mechanism for effective recounts when errors arise. As such, they represent an unacceptable technical risk, regardless of how people feel about them."¹

DRE, electronic touch-screen voting machines cost too much to purchase, maintain and secure. Paper ballots are familiar and easy to use - easier for me and easier for the people who work at the polls. I hope you will support paper ballots, tabulated on optical scanners at the precinct level.

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Comments:

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¹October 20, 2004 - Ph.D. computer scientists from Brigham Young University, University of Utah, Stanford, and the former President of the largest association of computer professionals advised against purchasing DRE voting machine.
http://utahcountvotes.org/voting_system_advice.pdf